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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SAO TOME

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1. IN RECENT LIBREVILLE AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING RETURN FROM OAU SUMMIT, PRESIDENT BONGO VOICED SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE AND ADDED HE WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE PORTUGAL UNTIL INDEPENDENCE OF ALL ITS AFRICAN COLONIES ASSURED. STATEMENT LOUDLY APPLAUDED BY CROWD WHICH WE UNDERSTAND INCLUDED AT LEAST THREE NATIVES OF SAO TOME.

2. IN THE PAST GABON'S SOLE LINK WITH SAO TOME HAS BEEN ONCE-A-MONTH WEEKEND CHARTER FLIGHTS WHICH WERE POPULAR DIVERSION FOR LIBREVILLE'S EXPATRIATES. FEW DAYS AFTER PORTUGUESE COUP, FLIGHTS WERE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE "ON PRESIDENT'S ORDERS." BONGO PROBABLY MADE THIS MOVE TO AVOID ANY CRITICISM DURING PERIOD WHEN SPOTLIGHT IS ON PORTUGUESE COLONIES BUT MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN ACTING UNDER INFLUENCE OF SAO TOMIANS HERE.

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